



Mr. Richard Eugene Kulper

March 18, 1943 - November 15, 2022

Richard Eugene Kulper, 79, husband of Peggy Kulper, of 152 South Oak Pointe Drive, Seneca, South Carolina, passed away at his home on November 15, 2022.

A native of Newark, New Jersey, Richard was the son of the late Gene and Lorraine Levy Kulper. He is predeceased by a brother, Ronald Kulper and a sister, Nancy Carrick.

Mr. Kulper is survived by four children: Jennifer (Tom) Wright, of Richmond, Virginia, James Gibson, of Atlanta, Georgia, Janice (Marc) Westfall of Wayesville, Ohio, and Richard (Gretchen) Kulper, Jr. of Blue Ash, Ohio. He has three grandchildren: Sydney Herres, Gracie Westfall, and Ian Wright and great-grandson, Jameson Herres. He is survived by one sister, Maryann (Mark) Spatola of Wilmington, North Carolina.

Mr. Kulper worked for the same company throughout his career: Emery that is now BASF. He retired as director of purchasing in December, 1999.

While working full time and having a family, Richard graduated from Rutgers and Farleigh Dickinson Universities with a master's degree in business administration.

Mr. Kulper lived in Newark and East Brunswick, New Jersey, Simpsonville, South Carolina, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Seneca, South Carolina.

From 2005-2015 Richard was volunteer director of Golden Corner Food Pantry. With the help of committed volunteers, he developed the agency into one that is still making a big impact for Oconee County residents. A permanent facility was built and a program for seniors was developed.

Mr. Kulper was a member of Eternal Shephard Lutheran Church. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was active in many newcomer groups, loved playing cards, was an excellent bowler, and loved gardening.

In lieu of flowers, tributes can be made to Eternal Shephard Lutheran Church, 220 Carson Road, Seneca, South Carolina, 29678.

The family thanks Affinity Hospice for his care.

No public service is planned.

Tribute Wall

PA

“ I was a colleague of Richard in Cincinnati.
We traded Christmas cards every year since his retirement until they stopped.
Only now have I found his obituary.
I loved working with Richard. He was unique, a one off, a bit of a maverick but outstanding at what he did. He made me laugh. He educated me and was always extremely loyal to me. I knew that I could rely on him even if his ways were often unconventional.
I am really saddened to hear of his passing although I suspected as much due to the silence of recent years. I am sorry for being so late to the news.
My condolences and best wishes to the family.
I hope Peggy is still well. I remember good times despite her own serious health issues.

Paul Allen - January 23 at 07:38 AM



“ Mr. Richard Eugene Kulper

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM

DD

“ Memories and good times shared with Richard and Peggy. Those were the days...

Dean and Sarah Duvall - November 20, 2022 at 09:00 AM

KA

“ kathy Addis lit a candle in memory of Richard Kulper



kathy Addis - November 18, 2022 at 09:08 AM

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“ kathy Addis lit a candle in memory of Richard Kulper



kathy Addis - November 18, 2022 at 09:07 AM

JW

“ *Richard, my dad, was a wonderful family man. He worked hard at everything he did: work, yard work, and community work. He is greatly loved by his family, and will truly be missed. We are grateful that our mom, Peggy, was able to take care of him so well. We are also grateful for all of the hospice help.*



Janice Westfall - November 18, 2022 at 12:08 AM

SB

“ *Peggy and family,
I had the pleasure of working with Richard at the food bank and was always impressed with his efficiency along with his tenderness toward those in need. The expansion and relocation of the facility to its current location came about due to his commitment to provide the best services possible for people experiencing food shortages while treating everyone with dignity. His legacy will live on for years to come in the Seneca community. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*
Susan Buckalew

Susan Buckalew - November 17, 2022 at 11:09 AM

RT

“ *Randy Tilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Kulper*



Randy Tilson - November 16, 2022 at 10:13 PM



“ *Wayne F Barton lit a candle in memory of Richard Kulper*



Wayne F Barton - November 16, 2022 at 10:00 PM